

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-24 (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A jewelry kit comprising in combination:

a jewelry necklace; and

at least one jewel pouch, comprising

a jewelry quality metal mesh dimensioned to hold a single jewel therein, and

a set of at least two jewels, each being capable of individually fitting into the mesh and having at least one visual characteristic different one from the other,

said mesh having a top opening and having a plurality of apertures, the largest aperture being smaller than each of said jewels;

~~a mesh carrying arrangement~~ the necklace being slidably attached to the mesh along the top opening,

wherein when one of said jewels is placed in the mesh, the mesh suspends from the ~~mesh carrying arrangement~~ necklace and the weight of the one jewel causes the mesh

~~carrying arrangement~~ necklace to at least partially close the top opening of the mesh thereby securing the jewel therein.

26. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising ~~in combination:~~

a jewel support band having a clasp means for closing the support band in a continuous loop permitting an individual to wear the apparatus for adornment, and

at least one jewel pouch formed using a bottom ring for closing a bottom end of the jewel pouch;

~~engaged with, and extending upwardly from the bottom ring, and engaged therewith,~~ a plurality of jewelry quality metal chain strands;

each one of the chain strands joined to immediately adjacent ones of the chain strands by attachment rings at spaced-apart intervals, thereby forming a mesh sidewall of the jewel pouch with a plurality of apertures;

a terminal upper end of each of the chain strands slidingly engaged with a ~~the jewel support band having a clasp means for closing the jewel support band in a continuous loop; and~~

the jewel pouch being adapted to hold a jewel held within the jewel pouch,

wherein with the jewel pouch suspended from the jewel support band, the weight of the jewel is sufficient to

cause the terminal upper ends of the strands to slide along the jewel support band into mutual adjacency for closing a top end of the jewel pouch for capturing the jewel therein;
the jewel in said apparatus being replaceable.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 26, further comprising slider rings joining the terminal upper ends of the strands with the jewel support band.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising a safety clasp engaged with at least two of the slider rings for securing the jewel pouch in a top closed attitude.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the jewel support band is a necklace.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the jewel support band is one of a bracelet and an anklet.

31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the jewel support band is an ear engaging means.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the chain strands extend below the bottom ring as a fringe.

33. (New) A method for applying and wearing a jewel for ornamentation, comprising:

(a) providing a jewelry apparatus having at least one jewel pouch, comprising an ornamental metal mesh dimensioned to hold a jewel therein, said mesh having a top opening and having a plurality of apertures, the largest aperture being smaller than said jewel; a mesh carrying arrangement being slidably attached to the mesh along the top opening; wherein upon placing the jewel in the mesh, the mesh suspends from the mesh carrying arrangement and the weight of the jewel causes the mesh carrying arrangement to at least partially close the top opening of the mesh thereby securing the jewel therein;

(b) selecting a jewel and placing it within the pouch; and

(c) securing the apparatus on an individual through the mesh carrying arrangement.

34. (New) A method according to Claim 33, wherein said carrying arrangement is a necklace and said apparatus is worn on the individual's neck.

35. (New) A method according to Claim 33, wherein said carrying arrangement is a bracelet, an anklet or an

earring and said apparatus is worn on the individual's wrist, ankle or ear.

36. (New) A method according to claim 34, comprising providing a second jewel, removing the selected jewel from the pouch, and placing the second jewel within the pouch.

37. (New) A method according to claim 35, comprising providing a second jewel, removing the selected jewel from the pouch, and placing the second jewel within the pouch.

38. (New) A method for constructing an ornamental piece to be worn by an individual, comprising:

providing a jewelry apparatus having at least one jewel pouch, comprising an ornamental metal mesh dimensioned to hold a jewel therein, said mesh having a top opening and having a plurality of apertures; a mesh carrying arrangement being slidably attached to the mesh along the top opening; wherein upon placing the jewel in the mesh, the mesh suspends from the mesh carrying arrangement and the weight of the jewel causes the mesh carrying arrangement to at least partially close the top opening of the mesh thereby securing the jewel therein; the mesh carrying arrangement being adapted for wearing the apparatus on the individual; and

selecting a jewel of size larger than the largest aperture of said jewel pouch; and

placing said jewel within the pouch.

39. (New) A method according to Claim 38, wherein said mesh carrying arrangement is a necklace.

40. (New) A method according to Claim 38, wherein said carrying arrangement is a bracelet, an anklet or an earring.

41. (New) A method according to Claim 38, comprising removing the selected jewel and placing another jewel within the pouch.